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Tasmania and Its Stamps.

Please notice that the title is not "The Stamps of Tasmania," as would seemingly be most appropriate, but "Tasmania and Its Stamps," for with me the two subjects are so akin that an attempt to treat the latter independently would surely have a disastrous result, so for this reason Tasmania must have its place in the title, although it will be relegated to the background as much as possible.

This lovely little isle was once my home, and as I write there rises before my mental eyes a view of the beautiful Derwent, with its crowd of pleasure boats, its fussy little river steamers forever bustling from side to side of the harbor or carrying merry parties of picnickers out to Kangaroo Island or some other of the favorite resorts, the larger steamers, merchantmen and whaling vessels at their different wharves, the capital — fair Hobart — with its beautiful esplanades, park and handsome business streets, and back of all, like a sentinel on the look-out, stately Mount Wellington, whose summit (snow crowned during the winter months of June, July and August, not to mention chance occasions at other periods) looks down from a height of four thousand feet on the city built upon its slopes. Although as true a niece of Uncle Sam as Mayflower ancestry can make me, I do not hesitate to think or say that we should have had far more reason to extol the good sense of our Pilgrim Fathers had they migrated to the sunny land and equable seasons of Tasmania instead of to the "stern and rock-bound coast" and detestable climate (as it striketh me) of New England. Having seen considerable of this great world of ours (having even been to Eden, which is, by the way, situated on the coast of New South Wales, and was probably named in a spirit of derision), I feel competent to declare that he who longs to find the loveliest spot on earth had better move to Tasmania. What wonder, then, that I should have as tender a feeling for the stamps of that country as most of you have for those of the United States?

In one respect, at least, the city postal affairs were in my day, and probably are still, managed a little differently from those of our country. There was, of course, the great general post-office, where coming and going mails were assorted, but besides this there were large numbers of little branch offices scattered all over the city; these were placed in small stores or similar buildings, and as a general thing took the place of the red boxes such as decorate our streets; there letters could be weighed, stamps purchased and all common mail business be transacted quite as promptly and safely as at the general office in the centre of the city. This example is followed, I think, in some of our own cities, but on a vastly smaller scale.

Tasmania cannot claim pre-eminence in the philatelic world through an early adoption of the postage stamp, since no attempt was made in that direction until 1853, but in another respect she is absolutely unique, for no other country has owned and issued stamps under two names, as she has. The first issue consisted of two values, imperforate, a 1d. for home use and a 4d. for foreign, each of which bore the name of Van Dieman's Land, as the island was then called; they were in use only about two years, and then gave way to four values of a new design, bearing the same name, which were first watermarked a star and then used plain for a short period until the watermarks of double-lined numerals corresponding with the face value could be adopted. These were used for nearly ten years, merely changing from imperforate to rouletted and from rouletted to different perforations, as did also the higher values (three 6d. and a 1s.), bearing the name of Tasmania, which in 1858 supplanted that of Van Dieman's Land. Most of these stamps, more particularly the Van Dieman's Land, are seldom seen even in the land of their birth, and ought, in my opinion, to be priced somewhat higher than they are, but this is an error that no buying collector will be apt to find fault with, and one that the next catalogue will be likely to remedy, if the general prognostications are correct.

It has been my good fortune to handle a comparatively large number of these old stamps, not one of which had passed through the hands of dealers, and as a consequence of careful examination there are in my album two or three specimens of which Scott's 55th makes no mention. The first is a Van Dieman's Land 4d. blue, perforated 10, but printed on blue paper, which seems also to differ from the white used in another of same date by being thinner; the difference is so marked that a novice glancing over my collection noticed it at once without a word from me. Another stamp which does not seem to be catalogued is a variety of the 6d. red-violet, 1864, with the same watermark — a large double-lined figure 6. I have it unused, and as perfect in every way as when it first came from the post-office, but it is printed on entirely different poper from that used in the others of the same value — paper so transparent that the colors on the gummed side are almost as bright as on the other, so that it really takes a second glance to decide which is the right side. Of this variety I have never seen but the one specimen.

In case a query should arise concerning the varieties of paper used in these or the following issues it may be as well to state that the question is one I do not feel competent to answer, for, realizing some time ago that it would be necessary to draw

the line somewhere in my philatelic studies, I drew it there, excluding from my album all specimens, no matter of what country, that differed from their fellows in that manner alone. Advanced collectors will probably elevate their brows in amazement at the idea of any one claiming a real interest in philately and yet taking this stand, but after struggling for a while with the intricacies of "wove," "laid," "vertical" and all etcetera, I reached the conclusion that if I had any respect for my own peace of mind (not to say sanity) it would be well to prove it by giving up the collection of paper and attending strictly to that of stamps. Perhaps, by and by, when the possession of everything else gives me more leisure I may turn attention to the slighted department, but at present I am not in the position of Alexander, who sighed for more worlds to conquer.

In 1870 an entirely new and much smaller design was adopted, quite superseding the Van Dieman's Land, which were permanently retired from duty, although the higher values issued with them remained in use a dozen years longer, as I know from personal experience; as the name on them was correct, there was no reason why they should not continue to serve the public. It is the specimens issued between 1870 and 1892 which will give the collector the most trouble to classify, especially the 1d. and 2d.. Of the latter there are three well-defined shades, although but one is catalogued, one a dark green with a tinge of the color artists call chrome, another much lighter with a bluish tinge, and the third a shade between the other two; all three are watermarked alike, TAS. Neither of the first two are seen commonly, although the bluish-green is the rarest, and for several reasons I am inclined to think that they constitute an uncatalogued issue sent out between 1885 and 1890, but not very extensively used; the date is merely supposition, as there was only the postmark to go by.

As for the 1d., the first, issued in 1870, differs considerably from those sent out later, not only in the watermark, which was at first a single-lined figure 4 and later the capitals TAS in two forms, but also in the engraving. This difference is most clearly discernible in the lettering on the face, as in the earliest variety the curve of the S in Tasmania is longer above and below than in later specimens; the middle point of the M comes clear down instead of stopping half-way, while the N and I are far more neighborly than '71 finds them. Similar differences are seen in the "One Penny" below the name, one being that the letters are all of a size instead of being taller at the ends. In classifying the shades of this value but slight assistance can be obtained from the catalogue, which calls them red, rose, vermilion or carmine with a majestic impartiality which is not only bewildering but also a trifle suggestive of color blindness, though whether in the cataloguer or collector is usually an undecided question. The best one can do is to look for watermarks, measure perforations and trust to luck that no mistake will be made, but in the two 1d. of 1871–76 a mistake is very liable to occur and would be a serious matter, as the first (called rose, but rather more of a light reddish-brown) is worth only six cents, while the second (a brighter tinge of red, noted as vermilion) is supposed to be worth $7.50. Besides these two, there is still another shade, watermarked the same and quite as noticeable, though uncatalogued; this is more of a brick-red, and appears to have been issued prior to the rose and vermilion, if one may judge from the much inferior printing which has blurred the horizontal lines in the background and spoiled the usually clear-cut profile of Victoria, thus giving the whole stamp a rough, poorly-finished appearance. This variety must be comparatively rare, for I have found only two specimens, though I have possessed many hundreds of the 1d. and have kept watch for it ever since noting the difference.

A novice will occasionally discover that there are other shades besides those catalogued of this value with the common TAS watermark. One such was brought to me recently with the gleeful announcement, "You haven't this! It's printed on tinted paper and is a different shade, too!" But I was speedily enabled to prove to my own satisfaction and the chagrin of the owner that such tints were due to the warm water used in soaking off the waste paper. The color is so poorly set as to dissolve easily under this treatment; and not only that, the stamps thus abused are apt to add insult to injury by staining pink any others with which they may come in contact, as I have found to my cost. These changelings are easily detected from the run-together appearance of the color, but there is one shade which lacks this look, and which I take to be a genuine government issue certainly worthy of attention. It is the exact shade of the United States, 1894, 2c. pink, as I proved by placing them together, is clearly though rather faintly printed, and was found among a large lot of specimens sent me by the last Tasmanian mail, as were also two more of the same shade, but so heavily cancelled that the color beneath was scarcely visible.

In 1891 Tasmania joined the Universal Postal Union, thus reducing the postage on foreign letters from 6d. to 2½d. This made a new value necessary, so the 9d. blue (two shades), a value very little used, was surcharged "2½d." in black figures, and the 1d. then in use turned by the same color into a "Halfpenny" to meet the need until a new issue (the first change in design since 1870 except for duty stamps) were sent out shortly after. These are still in use and will probably remain so for some time, as Tasmania's issues are strictly for business purposes, something that cannot be said of every country in these speculative days.

As far as I have knowledge, the surcharges noted above are the only ones that have been sent out; the 2½d. was in two sizes on the light blue and one on the dark. These, with the "Halfpenny," make four varieties, all of which are likely to rise in value fast, as comparatively few of them were used; the latter is the commonest, for, though surcharged in order that it might be used with the lower values to make up the correct postage, it was

also made to do occasional duty in carrying local letters.

A philatelic peculiarity of Tasmania is its dislike of the stamped envelopes such as we use in great abundance. A used specimen is very hard to obtain, even when a special request is made, for they are so little in demand that it is doubtful if they can be bought at any office except the central ones in the cities of Hobart and Launceston. I have never been able to obtain but one specimen, which came to me after several requests, with the above information from the sender, who, being postmistress of a moderately large town, knew whereof she spoke.

Tasmania has postal cards also, the first of which was a sort of experiment engineered by a prominent citizen of Hobart; it proved a success, so in the ten years since there have been a number of official issues, but I have given them no attention, as postal cards are not high in my good graces, not even when they come from the "light little isle," the loveliest spot on earth. AMY L. SWIFT.

Counterfeits I Have Seen.

All the counterfeits described in the following paragraphs have been in my hands. Some have been sent me for "detection" by members of the Philatelic Sons of America, while others have been turned over to me for description by friends who knew their true character. They have all been sold or offered for sale, and so may be termed more or less "dangerous," but I trust that the publication of their shortcomings in this form will do much to deprive them of their power to "pull the wool over the eyes" and entice money from the pockets of unwary collectors. I do not suppose many of them would deceive an experienced collector or a specialist, if from his country, but these words are not addressed to either of these.

I have not attempted to give all the points of difference between the bad and the good in each case, but I hope I have picked out and described with sufficient accuracy enough of them to enable any one to recognize at once and promptly "turn down" any of these despicable "pests" that he may meet. I have endeavored to present at once the most striking and essential "earmarks" by which the work of the counterfeiter may be distinguished from that of the various bank note companies, contractors and government bureaus. Truly, he who would make a successful imitation of a postage stamp has set himself a hard and thankless task; for, in the first place, he must reproduce on stone (for most counterfeits are lithographed) a design nearly always intricate and often provided with secret marks which he, as a matter of course, knows nothing about and is very apt to overlook (*e. g.*, Hamburg); he must procure paper of the proper color and texture, ink of the exact shade, a press that will make a certain kind of impression, and a machine or machines to make the different sizes and styles of perforation; and, finally, he must circulate his wares in the face of a constantly increasing knowledge on the part of collectors in general, to say nothing of experts and counterfeit detectors.

We can "spot" a counterfeit then: (1) By perforations differing in size or style from those of the original, the latter to be obtained from any standard catalogue or reference list; (2) by a defective or improper impression of the design, or of the cancellation, if one is applied; (3) by a variation, more or less marked, from the color of the original; (4) by the presence or absence of a watermark, of horizontal or vertical lines, of silk threads, of a certain color or texture, in the paper used; (5) by failure to reproduce exactly, in all its details, the original design; (6) by the application of an impossible cancellation, too many bars, too few circles, bars too thick or too far apart, circles too thin or too close together, incorrect date or post-office number, etc. I have applied all these tests in order to each counterfeit, and under (5) I have given, whenever possible, at least, two differences "to make assurance doubly sure," you know. If a certain number is not given, the counterfeit is a "good imitation" in that particular.

ORANGE FREE STATE. 1868, 6d., rose. (1) This counterfeit has pin or sewing-machine perforations, 12½ in 20mm. These perforations are too far from the design all around, making the stamp too large by 1mm. in both dimensions. The original is perforated 14. (3) The color of the counterfeit is nearer lake than rose. It is both darker and duller than the original. (4) The paper used by the counterfeiters is quite inferior. It lacks both the smooth surface and the texture of the original. (5) The words "Zes pence." at the bottom are much nearer the inner frame than the outer, whereas they should be slightly nearer the outer. The "Z" has a midrib 2mm. in length instead of 2½mm., and its top is entirely to the left of the lower left-hand corner of the inner frame. The "p" of the original runs into the outer frame, and consequently has no cross-bar, but in the counterfeit all the letters are too close to the inner frame, as I have said, and so the "p" does not reach to the outer frame, nor does it lack the conventional cross-bar. The background of the coat-of-arms is composed of fine horizontal lines, which are of equal length in the original, so that vertical lines drawn through their extremities would be perfectly straight. Between these lines and the inner frame is a narrow white space, which is of uniform width all around in the original. In the counterfeit, however, this space is widest to the right of the horizontal lines, and these lines are not of equal length, so that a line drawn through their right-hand extremities would be quite wavy. In addition to this, the angles of the tree in the coat-of-arms cross this white space at the top and to the left, meeting the inner frame, while the space is perfectly clear in the original.

UNITED STATES. 1867, 5c, blue (newspaper). (1) The counterfeit is perforated 12½, the original 12. (2) This stamp is printed in relief, and so the back has the design as well as the face, only not in color. Now in the counterfeit the horizontal lines across the medallion look all right on the face, but their impressions on the back are broken and jagged, having the appearance of dotted lines from

a brass rule; and where these lines are twisted and shaded so as to form the bust of Washington they do not show through the paper at all. Neither do the bars across the circle which contains the two large "Vs," and in the original these bars are the most conspicuous of all the lines on the back of the stamp. Besides, in the turned work surrounding the medallion in the counterfeit, only the larger blue spaces are pressed into the paper so as to show through, while in the original every smallest blue space and every white line can be plainly seen on the back. (3) The color of the counterfeit is too dark and too deep. The original is printed in a light blue, more or less bright, but never deep. (5) In the triangle at the top of the stamp there are only two fine horizontal lines instead of three, the little short one at the apex of the triangle being omitted, though great pains were taken to run the longest one outside of the triangle to the left, as was done for some reason or other in the original. The elaborate ornaments (five) at the corners and just below the triangle above described were evidently too much for the counterfeiters, for they made no attempt to reproduce the exquisite dot and hair line shading that make them so conspicuous in the original.

S. B. HOPKINS.

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The "Error"—What Is t?

Philately is becoming such an exact, scientific hobby that its riders are encountering difficulties undreamed of by the cavalier who broke the animal in and rode him through his colthood, as it were. Sometimes, to indulge in that Congressional vulgarity, we don't know where we are at. Socrates, they say, was the first man to define words. Philately is at present needing a Socrates — a Socrates with a big and sagacious head, and wielding as powerful and controlling an influence over philatelic writers, thinkers and conversers as Noah W. does over the Anglo-Saxon nations of scholars. Let Mr. Socrates, A. P. A., S. of P., etc., etc., tackle our catalogue and tell us the difference which should be universally recognized between pink, red, rose, scarlet, carmine, claret, wine, maroon, vermilion, brick, Indian, cochineal. Then make all possible permutations and combinations of the above dozen, and set Soc. at work again. He may get through — alive; if so, start him in on cream, straw, lemon, buff, yellow, orange, etc., and if he has half the wisdom his reputation proclaims, sunny Greece will soon receive again her suffering son. He would not tarry even to decide what the philatelist's "error" should be, and that is why the writer chose the theme which he is now whetting his pencil to murder.

We must turn again to Mr. Webster — N. Webster. He tells us that there are two kinds of errors — voluntary and involuntary. Voluntary errors are sins; involuntary errors are blunders. Voluntary errors are due to definite intention; involuntary errors to unpremeditated carelessness. Voluntary errors are reversed-to-order surcharges — that is, sins; involuntary errors are reversed medallions, '69 — that is, blunders. This latter style is the kind to collect, for it is much better to have lots of blunders than lots of sins.

Now these may seem very natural and ordinary definitions, but if you will pause a moment (which you undoubtedly won't) and carefully consider them, their startling inclusiveness may dawn upon you; it has done so upon others probably no brighter than you. It will become evident that the philatelist who makes catalogues either forgot his Webster, or had it in for some stamps, or had never heard about the similarity of consistency and a jewel — all his other faculties being normal. Why is this evident? Because some stamps which are blunders — undeniable, official, thoroughbred blunders — have not been included in the list of errors.

By the previous proposition, as the geometrician would say, error equals blunder. What does blunder mean? It means mistake. It is a variation in the appearance of a stamp, due to some deviation, in the mechanical production, from the terms of contract, specification or agreement made previous to the preparation of said stamp. The mechanical production includes engraving, printing, color, paper, perforation, watermark, size, shape, surcharge, grille, gum, or the effect of any device used in the stamp's preparation, visible on the stamp.

Let us notice what they have put in the catalogues as errors. There are the those peerless 1869 plate errors. There are the Queensland color errors; there are the Straits Settlements surcharge errors; there are perforation errors and watermark errors; many instances of all kinds can be found. That is all right. They are just what they are represented to be — blunders. *But.* Look now what they have not included in the elect: Errors of double perforation and double grille; errors of diagonal perforations or omitted perforations; scratched plates and plain frames; double strikes and mis-strikes; omitted periods and the barred "2," 1890; albinos, and "off-colors" of multitudinous variety; envelopes where there is no trace of the regulation watermark apparent. And these are blunders. They are just what they are not represented to be. Why do some "off-colors" merit recognition and a high price when others, just as evident and distinct, merit being restrained in outer darkness? Why list the 3c., 1861, in a pink shade and not likewise distinguish the 2c., 1894? They call the 3c. 1851–57, and the 2c., 1890, oxidizations when we find brown specimens, but the 8c., brown, Porto Rico, is a glorious error if you find a "rich brown." The 1d., orange, Queensland, is an error of vague and magnificent value when the orange shades off into yellow. And so it goes!

Well, then, whence arises this seeming partiality and tyrannical domination which exalt this stamp to the detriment of that one, its peer? Is it the work of cataloguer or collector? Of buyer or seller? No doubt philatelic public opinion sanctions it, but public opinion must have moulders and builders, and in this case those two important personages known respectively as dealer and publisher are guilty of moulding this pernicious opinion. When

this twain see that it would make things come their way to be a trifle more liberal and less aristocratic in their tastes, the collecting masses will obediently come tumbling after.

Those stamps for which we are advocating this promotion in classification as "errors" now are valued only in that branch of Philately known as "oddity collecting." Withdrawing this large fraction from the oddity collector's field may seem a cruel demolition of his pursuit. But it is a just separation, and will leave him those stamps which are true oddities, while it makes the "error collection" a feature for the future specialist. Oddities are oddities, not errors. The oddity collection would include stamps such as these: Chemical changelings, engravers' imprints, home manufactured oddities, odd cancellations; in brief, any of the scores of philatelic curiosities which every collector picks up in his career, be it long or short.

We have been pleading a just cause, but are free to confess that we anticipate no horrible revolution nor gory philatelic war, due to the confusion occasioned by the suddenness of the transition and reformation of the world to our theory. It is the inevitable fate of great reformers, like Huss, Luther, Savonarola and ourselves, to become martyrs to the cause which goes marching on over their devoted graves. So let it be with Cæsar. LOVEWELL.

Chats on B. N. A. Stamps.

BY RAYMOND S. BAKER.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The postage stamps of this island have often been made the subject of articles of more or less merit. Without wearying the reader with a long and minute description of the infinitesimal varieties of this country, we will rather endeavor to give a few notes on these stamps, which, besides being somewhat new, will, we trust, be both interesting and instructive to the average if not to the advanced collector.

Prince Edward Island, named in honor of the Duke of Kent, father of the Queen, and known as the "fair island of the gulf," owing to its fertility and agricultural resources, issued its first stamps in 1860. As the number, color and design of these stamps must be familiar to most collectors, it will hardly be necessary to describe them. If you will turn to your catalogue you will find that there are sixteen varieties, all of which, in common with the mother country and the majority of her colonies, have the profile of the Queen in slightly different designs.

Although a good deal of information has been obtained regarding these stamps, yet many interesting details will probably never be known, as in the year 1884 the post-office at Charlottetown was destroyed by fire and all the old books, documents and records connected with the postal issues of the island were lost.

The first issue consisted of only three varieties, *viz.*, 2d., rose, 3d., blue, and 6d., green. The first value was used for local postage, the second for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, etc., and the third was designed for foreign matter. These three stamps are always found with large perforations, of which there are nine to each variety.

The next issue appeared in 1865. A good many cataloguers place this date at 1860, but in this they are positively mistaken, as the new set did not appear till five years after that date. This issue consists of five varieties of the following denominations: 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d. and 9d., having the colors of buff, rose, blue, green and lilac respectively. Of these stamps the 1d., buff, is certainly the scarcest. The writer has a copy which he places among the rarities of his collection.

Like New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island has her provisionals. At this time, when Postmasters ran out of certain values, they used to cut the stamps of higher denominations in two, and then each piece would only be equal to one-half of the former value of the stamp. Thus, when the supply of 1d. stamps gave out a half of a 2d. would take its place, and so on. These provisionals are very rare, and always command high prices.

In 1869 and 1870 two additional values were added — the 4d., black, and the 4½d., brown. This last stamp is by all odds the most handsome and attractive that has been issued by this island, having, as it does, not a profile but a full-face portrait of the Queen. It is, moreover, nicely engraved, while the others are only lithographed, and is, without doubt, one of the finest stamps of the British Colonies, if not of the world.

Prince Edward Island in 1871 adopted decimal currency, and a short time afterward issued another set of stamps of six varieties, which differ but slightly from the previous issue, except that, of course, the value was given in cents instead of pence. This set was in use for only about three years, for in 1873 the colony was admitted into confederation, and its stamps withdrawn from circulation. The remainders, consisting of about 1,500,000 stamps, and having a face value of nearly $100,000, were sold for the trifling sum of a little more than $1000.

The stamps of Prince Edward Island, like those of several other countries, are rarer used than unused. This is due to the fact that there were only a very few collectors on the island at the time these stamps were issued, and consequently very few used varieties were saved. The writer has a distinct recollection of refusing, a few years ago, to pay five cents apiece for a lot of used specimens of these stamps on the original envelope, preferring to invest his money in Seebecks and other foreign stamps. Then ignorance was indeed bliss, but now remorse and everlasting regret have taken its place, and the writer can only solace himself with the determination not to let such an opportunity slip by next time, if it ever comes.

This colony, being prolific in varieties, offers a fine field for the searching eye of the specialist. The 2d., 3d., 6d. and 9d. can be found on different

papers, and there are seven or more different perforations, *viz.*: 9, 11, 11½, 12, 12½ and 13. The following are the principal errors in each stamp:

2d.—Twc Pence, Twc for Two; very rare.
3d.—Dot after Three.
4d.—Foup Pence, Foup for Four; rare.
6d.—Dot before Pence.
9d.—Dot before Prince.
1c.—Dot before Prince.
2c.—Dot before Edward.
3c.—Dot between Prince and Edward.
4c.—Dot under o in Postage.
6c.—Dot in C of Cents.
12c.—Dot between Twelve and Cents.

The Twc for Two variety is no doubt the rarest of the P. E. Island stamps, being valued by some even as high as $10. The Foup variety is also quite scarce. Seventy-five or more other minor varieties can also be found, making these stamps one of the most interesting studies of the stamps of the British Colonies, if not of the world.

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"Simon Says 'Thumbs Up!'"

The great army of stamp collectors seem to be playing a very old game, though on quite a new plan. A game which every schoolboy is acquainted with. The one where Simon is wont to cry out the simple sentence, "Thumbs up!" and mechanically the participants in this amusing game obey.

The Simon who is playing the leading role in this philatelic amusement, if such it may be called, is the big dealer, who is forever hunting up some monstrosity in the stamp line, and with flaming advertisements calling the collector's attention and inducing him to purchase.

Let it be understood that I do not mean *all* big dealers, but rather a few who are engaged in this little game.

For example, there are the Seebecks, which have been so much maligned that it seems quite unnecessary to add another word about them. But they are still collected, in *unused sets*, by some and it is to these that I direct my remarks. The truth of the matter, the whole contract looking to their production was so open that no one tried to deny their speculative nature. It was such a bold stroke that it dazed the collecting world. They had been used to having surcharges, split provisionals of a doubtful nature, and the like, placed before them and a solemn declaration made that they were *legitimate issues under government authority*, but when these Seebeck issues came out, and even the president of the company which produced them could give no excuse for their existence, such bold effrontery stupefied the collector for a time.

Then came the current magazines, denouncing the deal, heaping a score of invectives at the projector, and seemingly pulverizing the subject under discussion. Then Simon arose and in stentorian tones sounded the call: "Thumbs up!" and up they went.

The dealer said: "I'll catalogue them in the latest catalogues, I will issue albums with spaces made for these issues, we will chronicle them in our weeklies and monthlies, we will display them in our show-windows, and the collector *must* buy them." And the will of Simon triumphed over all opposition, and the collectors' thumbs went up.

Then came the last issue of Monaco, which stamps were very clearly of a speculative nature. The authorities of that insignificant principality made public statements that they expected, through that issue, to fill their coffers off the stamp collecting fraternity. Some collectors with bold independence asserted that they would not collect them, they would not disgrace the pursuit by giving their consent to such machinations, they would not prostitute their albums by letting such stamps lie on the virgin pages. But another factor, the Simon of old, appeared on the scene. His voice was raised and—the collectors' thumbs went up.

Then came the late wholesale emissions of the French Colonies, and the action of the Portugese government in dividing and sub-dividing, and dividing again, their colonies, so as to make an output of postal issues second to no other country, which the collector would be bound to buy, and the treasury of the mother country would derive a wealth of shekels from these island issues. Of course there were the host of collectors who said: "No! we won't accept these, we have enough of such stuff already." But Simon, the sly rogue, had placed large orders with the governments for these treasures(?) and he could not afford to be baffled.

Of course he could make no excuses for them. He could not rush into print and defend them. So the only course that lay before him was to issue his mandates and send them forth. "Thumbs up!" said that imperial Simon, and with wry faces, with an effort at a sickly smile, the collectors turned that useful member towards the blue vault of heaven, and King Simon had won another victory.

Just at present Simon is crying "Thumbs up!" on the Chilean telegraph stamps, and I suppose he will succeed in having his commands obeyed. I do not wish to seem harsh on the dealer. Not all dealers are playing the role of Simon in this farcical comedy. And even those who are masquerading in that character are not to be blamed very much. You or I, in the same condition and under the same circumstances, would probably do the same and chuckle over it as a shrewd business speculation.

No doubt these Simon-like dealers often laugh to themselves to think how completely under their influence the collectors really are, or, rather, *think they are*. These men, after selling a set of beautiful Seebecks, are entirely justified in retiring to a back room and repeating Puck's famous motto: "What fools these mortals be!"

I do not wish to hurt the feelings of any dealer by this tirade against speculative issues, and if I have done so I crave pardon. My sole object has been to awaken collectors to one fact—that *we* are independent; the dealer is *not*. We can say that we *will* buy this and we *will not* buy that, and if we mean what we say and stick to it, the dealer will accept the inevitable. Stand up for your rights and others will stand up for you! Roy F. Greene.

Canadian Notes.

Mr. T. S. Clarke, the well-known dealer of Belleville, left on Jan. 4th for a month's visit to England.

Sympathy is now felt for Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, who was compelled to make an assignment some time ago. He was a large holder of very poor real estate, and after struggling along for some time to meet all his obligations, was compelled to assign.

Mr. W. R. Adams, publisher of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, has opened an office at 9½ Adelaide St., East Toronto. Mr. Adams will conduct a general stamp and publishing business. It is reported that some influential Toronto parties are trying to induce Mr. Adams to change his paper from a monthly to a weekly. Mr. Adams being by occupation a printer, he could issue the publication at a minimum cost, and if the United States can maintain one daily, two weekly and fifty monthly philatelic papers, Canada should be able to support one weekly.

Get the 2c. Canadian envelope as soon as possible. There is only a very small stock of these on hand at any of the post offices. Of course it will be reasoned that the Government can easily print more, but as there is almost no demand for them they will undoubtedly become rare as soon as they are withdrawn from sale.

Canada as a whole has been less troubled with frauds this year than any year for some time. It appears formerly to have been the fashion for some of Canada's "young hopefuls" to send to a large majority of American dealers for approval sheets, which were never returned. For some reason, perhaps because with age they have become more honest, or because of the growing disinclination of dealers to send out sheets without an A1 reference, these "sharks" have abandoned their evil ways to a great extent. However, there are a number still remaining, to whom a little free advertising would be beneficial.

On New Year's morning it was ascertained that the store of Messrs. Young & Mitchell, who compose the Canadian Stamp and Coin Company, of Adelaide street, Toronto, had been broken into and a quanity of goods stolen. The thieves were evidently not very well versed in stamp lore, as they paid no attention, when ransacking the premises in search of plunder, to a large number of valuable stamps which were more accessible than a quantity of silver coins which they carried off, but which were worth very little more than face value. A large number of valuable copper coins were also left untouched. So far no arrests have been made in connection with the matter.

A meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Club was held on the evening of Jan. 6. In the absence of both President and Vice President, W. G. Humphreys presided. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. H. Brouse; Vice President, Horton Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. Alliston; Auction Superintendent, Walter McMahon; Librarian, W. G. Humphreys; Executive Committee, Messrs. Parker, Philipps, McMahon, McKenzie, Fleming, Wilby and Weatherston. Adjourned to meet the first Monday in February. Mr. Atwood Fleming, an old London, Ont., boy, was one of the visitors present, and it is hoped by the members who were present and had the pleasure of meeting him that he will shortly become a member of the club.

At the present writing Canadian politics are in a very mixed condition, and the Canadian Government stands, or rather totters, in a position unprecedented in the history of nations. A Conservative Premier stands doing battle royal with those who were once his followers. This means the destruction of the Conservative party, their defeat at the polls, and the formation of a new ministry. Perhaps it would be going too far to say that this would mean, of necessity, a new issue of stamps for Canada, but the probabilities are that such would be the case. We Canadians have used the same stamps for postage year after year for nearly three decades, until the average non-collecting Provincial youth believes that Canada never had any other kind of postage stamps. Canada is one country which cannot, at least, be accused of "speculative issues."

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The Association now has 54 members, 5 having been suspended.

C. H. P. RONEY, *Secretary.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE N. E. P. A.: In view of a multiplicity of duties, both public and private, I feel myself obliged to relinquish the responsibility with which you have seen fit to honor me. It is with sincere regret and not without serious contemplation that this step is taken, and basing my assertion upon an intimate acquaintance with the present officers I will venture to state that the loss is mine, and mine entirely, as the affairs of the Association will be left in good hands. With the assurance that I shall remain a member of the Association (with which I have been actively connected since its inception), and in the future as in the past render all assistance that I may, I hereby beg leave to tender my resignation as President of the New England Philatelic Association, to take effect as soon as a successor is chosen.

Most respectfully yours. HORACE SARGENT BACON.

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EDITORIAL.

Commenting on the article on U. S. Document stamps by Bark N. Tine, published in our October number, Mr. H. E. Deats, that well-known writer and authority on U. S. stamps, writes us: "*All* the dies and most all (perhaps all) of the 1862 to 1880 plates for U. S. revenues were destroyed. I got this from at least five sources. So no reprints are possible. I do not know of the counterfeit B. & H. D. Howard match stamp. There is a counterfeit of the Henning & Bonhack stamp. Perhaps the author got the names mixed." If Bark N. Tine has proof of the existence of the Howard counterfeit we should be pleased to have him submit it for publication.

We are requested to announce the formation of the Interstate Philatelic Association of Oregon and Washington, which was organized in December with 45 charter members. Edgar F. Barth of Seattle is President and Gordon C. Corbaley of Waterville, Wash., Secretary. All residents of the two States are invited to join. Initiation fee, 10 cents; dues, 25 cents.

We have gained a few days on this issue, mailing it the 25th. Next month we desire to mail by the 20th if possible, and hope our advertisers and contributors will send in their favors early in the month.

Don't put the present issue of U. S. due stamps in water. They are printed in aniline ink, and will not stand wetting.

Following are some quotations from A. L. Cassino & Co.'s fourth auction sale, held in Boston Jan. 15 and 16: United States — 1851, 5c., fine, used, $9.00; 1861–6, 90c., unused, o. g., $17.00; 1869, 90c., unused, well centered, $18.15; 1869, 90c., used, fine, $12.25; 1870, 24c., fine, $20.00; Agriculture, complete set, full gum, $22.50. Spartanburg, S.C., 5c., black, on original envelope, $100.00. Canada — 1852, 6d., black, thick wove, unsevered pair, $23.00; 1852, 12d., wove, cancelled, on piece of original cover, $390.00; 1858, ½d., perforated 12, used, $5.50; 1858, 6d., black, perforated, $24.50; 1870, 1c., laid, used, fine, $12.50; New Brunswick — 1851, ½ of 6d. used as 3d., on cover, $28.00; 1851, 6d., fine, $22.00; 1851, 1s., violet, thin spot on the back, $75.00. Newfoundland, 1857, 4d., scarlet vermilion, used, $17.50; 1857, 6½d., scarlet vermilion, used, $60.00; 1857, 1s., scarlet vermilion, unused, $100.00. Colombian Republic, Cauca, 1882, 5c, lilac rose, unused, $70.00. Canada, 1858, 6d., rich purple, $24.00. United States, 1851, 5c., very fine used specimen, $9.00.

Mr. C. H. Roney sends us a pair of 1c., 1861, imperforate at sides, and on the original cover. Mr. W. J. Kingsbury of this town also recently found several of these stamps in an imperforate condition at the sides, and has one which is only perforated at the bottom, the top showing a wide imperforate margin. These stamps in this condition we fail to find in any catalogue, and the above gentlemen would like to know if they have any more value than those in full perforated condition. Will some of our readers enlighten them? Our opinion is that the stamps were from sheets which accidentally escaped perforation one way, and that they can be classed simply as oddities.

Mr. Crawford Capen, in a recent article on the ribbed paper stamps of the United States, states that the 3c., green, was not printed on that paper until 1875. A well-known collector takes exception to that statement, and an article will appear from him in the February issue of the E. P., proving that they were issued earlier than 1875. Every specialist in United States stamps will want to read this article, and if *you* are not a subscriber why not become one now and secure the February number?

The Columbian Philatelic Society now numbers 54 members and many applications to be acted on. A meeting for the election of officers was announced for this month. Many prominent philatelists are joining, and members are desired in all the States and Territories, also in foreign countries. Leo Fritter, Secretary, 32 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, O.

At the December meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society Mr. Howard K. Sanderson, the efficient secretary for several years, declined a re-election, and Mr. George L. Toppan was elected to that position. The annual auction of the Society will be held in February, and many good stamps will be offered for sale.

Hold on to your 1c. State Department, and if you haven't got it in your collection buy it now. It is bound to rise rapidly in price.

We are in receipt of a priced catalogue of the Bogert & Durbin's Co.'s 53d sale, held in New York Jan. 4. Good prices were generally realized. The 1869 90c., reissue, sold for $22.00, unused; $36, $48 and $60 1875 newspaper stamps went for $15, $19 and $18 respectively; specimen sets of Interior, Justice and Navy sold for $20, $27.50 and $24.75. State, $5, $73; $10, $41; $20, $35; all slightly damaged. An unsevered pair of Barbados, 1d on 5sh, used, fine, brought $82.00. Two 8c. green, 1851, Br. Guiana went for $90 and $76; 1850, 4c. blue, $36; 1862, 1c, type 1, unused, $46; 4c, type 1, used, $42. St. Vincent, 1861-9, 4c, orange, used, $17. Tobago, 1879, 1d on half of 6d orange, used, $24. Trinidad 1858, 1d, lithographed, used, $17. Total amount realized $2,484.56.

Miss M. F. L. Brown of Haverhill invited the members of the New England Philatelic Association to meet at her residence for the purpose of holding an "informal meeting" on Friday evening, Jan. 10. Fourteen members were present, the unfavorable weather keeping many away who doubtless would have otherwise been present. The only out-of-town members in attendance were Gardner R. Kennedy of Boston and F. H. Pinkham of the EASTERN PHILATELIST. A very pleasant evening was spent in examining stamps and discussing the coming convention of the society.

Messrs. R. M. Miller and H. A. Bricker have gotten out a meritorious work in the Sons of Philatelia Handbook. It is very neatly printed, and besides the new constitution of the society, list of members, etc., contains a history of the association, sketches and portraits of several of the officers, and a lot of other interesting matter and many advertisements no less interesting. It is sold for 15 cents per copy by the publisher, H. A. Bricker, Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

A terse, but nevertheless very expressive, letter was received from a well-known collector this week. Besides name and address, etc., it only contained these words: "Herewith subscription to the best on earth." Another subscriber writes he has stopped several stamp papers, as they contained little of value to philatelists, and adds: "But I am not going to give up the E. P. It is too valuable. I consider it the best paper published, even better than ——."

The editor had the pleasure of meeting Mr. I. A. Mekeel of St. Louis during his recent visit to Boston, and found him a very pleasant and well-informed gentleman. Although the daily was as much of a surprise to him as to the rest of us, he seemed to think there was a demand for it and that it would be successful.

Advertisers, remember and get in your copy for changes in standing ads by the 5th if possible, and not later than the 10th in any event. Copy from *new* advertisers will be received up to the 15th, although we prefer it earlier.

Mr. B. L. Drew, the well-known Cambridge, Mass., dealer, has opened an office at 23 Court street, Boston.

The current *Springfield Philatelist* publishes a portrait and sketch of Mrs. L. Disselhurst of Chicago, and states that she is the only lady stamp dealer in the world. This is an error, as there are several other lady dealers, both in the Old World and in the United States. We think all those in this country use only the initials of their given names, and thus their sex is known only to their acquaintances. It is said that there is a well-known firm in Boston conducted under the initials of a lady; also one in New York.

Well! well! At last the daily stamp paper is an assured fact. The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company of St. Louis commenced the publication of the *Daily Stamp Item* on January 1, and so far it has appeared regularly and seems to be prosperous. Backed by such a firm as the Mekeel Company, we see no reason why it will not become a permanent publication, particularly as there seems to be a demand by the collecting public for a daily.

The article on indexing and binding philatelic literature by Mr. A. E. Layman will appear in the February number. The article contains many good suggestions and is alone worth a year's subscription.

The *Philatelic Newsletter* has evidently changed its printers, not at all to the improvement of the magazine. We notice many glaring typographical errors in the December number.

Walter S. Scott, a son of the renowned J. W., has opened a stamp office of his own at 87 Nassau St., New York. His first auction sale occurs Feb. 6, at 25 Ann St.

The President of Ecuador has cancelled the contract for that government's free supply of postage stamps, which will be good news for the anti-Seekeckites.

F. Trifet of Boston has bought the Kidder collection. This is the collection which was stolen several years ago and recovered through Mr. Trifet.

The Greek cross cancellation on the $1.00 Hawaiian stamps denotes that they were used to pay the duty on opium and not for postal purposes.

At last the much talked-of philatelic emblem has materialized. Mr. F. C. Hammond of Eldora, Iowa, advertises such for sale in this month's E. P.

The *Southern California Collector* is a new one from Orange, Cal. Sixteen small pages; 25 cents per year. Cooper & Cook, publishers.

Mr. Edward W. Heusinger of San Antonio is compiling a Texas philatelic directory, which will be issued soon.

An United States 3 cents, scarlet, was lately sold in Boston for $75.00, and a set of 1861 reprints for $265.00.

A writer in the *Collector* gravely describes the "O'Connell" stamp in an answer to an enquirer.

H. F. Ketcheson's farm buildings, near Belleville, Canada, were burned recently. Insured.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s 136th sale occurs Feb. 3 and 4.

EXCHANGES.

One-half cent per word, including the address, for each insertion. No exchange inserted for less than 10 cents, and all must be paid in advance. This department open to all, but no trade advertisements will be inserted.

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Curiosities, coins, Indian relics, minerals, fossils, etc., wanted in exchange for all kinds of South American stamps and cards. T. Emilio Monnet, Calle Moreno, 2575, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. (97)

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Wanted—Selections on approval. Am completing collection of U.S., Gt Britain, British Colonies and Hayti. Stamps must be in good condition and priced reasonable. Harry Wilson, A. P. A 953, 156 St. Marks Av, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Stamps to trade. Want revenues; have you any? Write me; want correspondence. Eugene Field, No. 7 Public Sq., Galesburg, Ill.

Will give 40 var. U. S. (cat. value over 50c) for every 7c, 12c or 24c of any issue. E. J. Fletcher, 385 Spring street, Portland, Me.

Will exchange pair Peck & Snyder's boys' club skates, No. 10, Scott's 51st and 55th Catalogues and 50 philatelic papers for U. S. stamps not in my collection. Mrs F. P. Holt, 6 Ward street, Hartford, Conn.

Stamps, coins, fishing goods, novels, old books, phil. papers, magazines (Prot. and R. Catholic), etc., for stamps. Send list. Amos J. Cowan, Newmarket, N. H.

Philatelic papers and stamps for sale or exchange for natural history or ornithological books. Prices quoted or lists exchanged. D. P. Van Sickler, Johnstown, N. Y.

Several exchanges were crowded out of this issue, and will appear next month One received—skates to exchange—has no address.

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To whom it may concern: I have this day sold to the INTERNATIONAL STAMP COMPANY, of Montreal, my entire stock of stamps and the good-will of my business, and would request my former customers and correspondents, whom I have to thank for many past favors, to accord their patronage to my successors. GEO. A. HOLLAND.

15 Central Am.,	10c	15 So. American,	10c
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1868, 1c, 11x13, 1.00
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1851, 10c, green,	1.00	.70
1857, 1c, blue,	.15	.10
1857, 3c, red, outer line,	.35	.20
1866, 15c, black,	.50	.35
1869, 1c, orange,	.50	.35
1872, 90c, carmine,	.75	.50
1888, 30c, puce-brown,	.50	.80
1890, 90c, orange,	.85	.60
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10c, " " " " ..... .15
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Same, pair..... .21
100 well mixed U.S. (obsolete only)..... .06
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4c,	"	.25
6c,	"	1.25
15c,	"	.28
20c,	"	.20
30c,	"	.60
40c,	"	.40
60c,	"	.50
70c,	"	.40
$1.30,	"	2.50
$1.50,	"	.15
$1.90,	"	2.25
$2.00,	"	.32
$2.50,	"	.25
$3.00,	"	.80
$5.00,	"	.50

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1c,	black and claret		$1.00
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6c,	" "	orange	.50
15c,	" "	brown	.28
30c,	" "	orange	.25
40c,	" "	brown	.40
60c,	" "	orange	.32
70c,	" "	green	.32
$2.00,	" "	vermilion	.32
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2c,	brown	3.00
3c,	orange, o.g.	2.50
4c,	red	2.50
5c,	black	

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1851, 3c, red	$3.75
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2 Cents.		1868, grilled	50
1883	3,000	1869, "	50
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1894-5 Due, 1c, 50, lightly cancelled.....$1.60
1895, 1c, Due, light pink (scarce), few left. .20
1890, 90c, unused, o.g..... 1.20

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50 var. 1851—94, fine.....25c
10 var. Columbians.....20c
3c, claret due, unused, o.g.....12c
Pair same.....26c
Same, used.....14c
U.S. on approval for good references.

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BARGAINS

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U.S., 1855, 10c	cat.	$0.50	$0.30
* " Periodical, 1c	"	.20	.10
* " " 3c	"	.50	.25
* " " 4c	"	.40	.20
Japan Jubilee, 2c and 5c	"	.14	.05
* " off. sealed, 1889	"	.50	.15
Argentine, 1852, 5c	"	.25	.15
" " 10c	"	1.50	.90
" 1873, 30c	"	.50	.30
" " 90c	"	.15	.07
" 1877, 8 on 10c	"	.75	.45
" 1888, 40c	"	.20	.10
" " 50c	"	.25	.12
" 1890, 40c	"	.10	.05
" " 50c	"	.15	.07
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2c, Playing Card, blue	$0.30	$0.15
4c, Proprietary	.10	.06
5c, Express	.10	.04
25c, Bond.	.15	.07
25c, Life Insurance	.20	.10
50c, Probate of Will	2.00	1.00
50c, Passage Ticket	.25	.15
Part Perforated (large margins).		
2c, Bank Check, blue	.50	.20
5c, Inland Exchange	.20	.08
10c, " "	.20	.08
20c, " "	.30	.10
25c, Certificate	.30	.10
30c, Inland Exchange	1.00	.40
50c, Security Bond	1.00	.40
Unperforated (large margins).		
2c, Certificate, blue	.50	.30
25c, Power of Attorney	.30	.15
25c, Protest	1.00	.50
50c, Original Process	.50	.25
Proprietary Stamps, 1871-5.		
3c, black and gr., green paper	.10	.06
4c, " "	.10	.06
10c, " "	2.50	1.25
1878 Issue (watermarked).		
3c, orange	.07	.04
4c, red	.10	.06
4c, red-brown	.05	.03
5c, black	1.50	.90
6c, blue	.25	.12

SETS.

Argentine, 1892, ½c to 12c	7 var.	$0.10
Br. North Borneo, 1887-90	9 "	.40
Bulgaria, 1882-87	9 "	.13
" 1889	9 "	.17
Hungary, 1888, 1kr to 3fl	10 "	.16
Italy, 1889-90	7 "	.10
" unpd, 1c to 10L	12 "	.20
*Mozambique, 1895	6 "	.20
*Obock (large)	4 "	.07
Roumania, 1891	7 "	.10
" 1894	7 "	.12
*Seychelles, 1890, 2c to 16c	6 "	.50
* " " complete	8 "	1.50

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" 4d, brown	.40
" 1d, red, C. A., 14	.08
" ½d, green	.05
Barbadoes, 3d, 1892	.25
" 10d, "	.30
" ½d on 4d, 1892	.14
British No. Borneo, 1c on 5c, slate, 1892	.08
Ceylon, 3c on 4c, violet rose, 1892	.06
Dominica, ½d on 6d, green	.30
" 1d on 1s, lake	.30
Grenada, ½d, green, 1883	.02
" 1d, rose, 1887	.04
" 1d on 2s, orange, 1891	.20
St. Christopher, 2½d, blue	.20
" 4d, grey	.30
St Helena, ½d, green, 1894	.02
" 1d, red, 1884	.04
" 2½d, blue, 1890	.10
" 2d, yellow, C. A., 1895	.15
Tobago, 1d, brown, C. A	.30
" 6d, orange, C. A	.20
" 1s, ochre, C. A	.40
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" " 5c, " on cover..... .85
" " 5c, " fine pair..... 2.25
" " 10c, black, on cover..... 4.00
" Rev., 2c, 2d issue, inv. medallion.... 7.50
" " 2c, Certificate, orange, list 60c. .40
Canada, 1859, 5c, Beaver, var., cat. $15...10.50
" " 5c, " fine, per 100.... 3.50
Nova Scotia, provisional, 5c, ½ of 10c, fine, on entire original cover..... 12.00
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P. E. Island, 3c, ½ of 6c, on entire or. env.22.00
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1896.

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Lot.		*No. in lot.*
1.	$1 Columbian, damaged a little, rare,	1
2.	Same, small tear in end, rare.....	1
3.	3c Columbian, unused, block.....	50
4	Same, entire sheet.....	100
5.	Another, same.....	100
6.	6c, unused, block of.....	25
7.	Same, block of.....	25
8.	6c, used.....	100
9.	Same, some damaged.....	115
10.	Same, all more or less damaged.....	100
11.	2c, claret, tied in 100s.....10,000	
12.	2c, red, mostly 1890, tied in 100s.....20,000	
13.	2c, green, envelopes, assorted, cut square, tied in 100s.....10,000	
14.	2c, Columbians, tied in 100s	5,000
15.	3c, green, 2000; 2c, green, 2000; 1c, blue, 3 var., 2600; all tied in 100s..	6,600
16.	1851, 3c on envelopes, good lot.....	105
17.	3c envelopes, entire, many sizes and colors, some scarce.....	100
18.	10c, 1890, 75; 5c, 250; 4c, 1890-4, 100..	425
19.	Foreign stamps on envelopes, assorted, catalogue value $1.75.	67
20.	British Guiana, 2 var.....	100
21.	" 30 sets, 4 var.....	120
22.	" 25 sets, 4 var.....	100
23.	" 20 sets, 4 var..... ...	80
24.	Argentine, 2c, red, 500; Japan, mixed, 540.....	1,040
25.	Cuba, all different, used and unused, fine lot, cat. value about $5.....	46
26.	Canada Reg., 5c, green, 90; Japan, 15 sen, purple, 500.....	590
27.	Ceylon, 15c, bistre.....	50
28.	Same.....	50
29.	British Colonials, mixed.....	850
30.	Straits Settlements, 8c, orange, some damaged.....	100
31.	Porto Rico, 6c and 8c, nice lot.....	48
32.	Col., 6c, more or less damaged.....	100
33.	Collection of old documents, speeches, etc., all different.....	40
34.	Collection of Indian arrows and spears from N. C., many sizes and shapes, some damaged, but a good stock for a dealer, and would retail for $15 or $20.....	200
35.	Another lot of same	200
36.	Collection of old newspapers, from 1808 to 1815, all different.....	12
37.	Weekly newspaper, The American, for the country, published in New York in 1820-21, all different Nos..	60
38.	The Washington Intelligencer, published daily, consisting of the following: 1859, 140 numbers; 1860, 228; 1861, 219; 1862, 137; 1863, 151; 1865, 169. This is a fine and valuable lot, being nearly all War numbers; there are no two alike in the lot; hard to duplicate; should bring $50 or more.....	1,034
39.	A collection of old newspapers and almanacs, as follows: Montpelier, Vt., Watchman, 1808, 7 numbers; New York Journal, 1810, 5; Niles' Weekly Register, Baltimore, Md., 1825 6, 16; Weekly Dispatch, London, Eng., 1830, 30; Albany Argus, 1821 5; Christian Library, New York, 1834-5, 45; Phrenological Journal, 1851, complete volume, 12; miscellaneous papers, dates from 1820 to 1865, many War numbers, 110; old Almanacs, dates between 1825 and 1866, 48 numbers, no duplicates in lot.....	278
40.	Art and Artists of Our Time, complete in 66 numbers, published at 25c per number; very fine and clean.....	66
41.	History of the French Revolution, by Edward Baines, complete in 4 leather bound vols., containing over 2100 pages, published in 1819, one damaged a little by water, scarce.....	4
42.	Confederate State currency, N. C., 4 varieties.....	100
43.	Stamps—Natal, 1d, 100; mixed, good for sheets, 400.....	500
44.	Venezuela, unused, 25 sets, 6 var...	150
45.	U. S., 1890, 8c.....	100
46.	P. O. envelopes, 3c, entire, officials, unused, catalogued at 10c each...	50
47.	The same.....	25
48.	Another lot, same..... ...	25
49.	Still another lot, same.	25
50.	One more lot, same..... ...	25
51.	Lot of beer, tobacco, cigar, etc., stamps, mostly more or less damaged.....	30
52.	Revenue stamps, 2c, 4 kinds.	1,000

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